Strategies for controlling AIDS

207. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the annual amount of aid received from the World Bank for the National AIDS Control project and what is the actual amount spent on the programme;

(b) whether, of late, any critical review of the AIDS project has been made to know the success or otherwise of the strategies adopted to control the disease;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) what fresh strategies have been formulated by Government in view of the experience gained to meet the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI N. T. SHANMUGAM): (a) National AIDS Control Project Phase II is a 100% centrally sponsored scheme and Assistance from World Bank is received on reimbursement basis. The project came into effect from 9th November, 1999. A disbursement of US $ 5 million has been received from World Bank in the form of 'Special Account'. During 1999-2000 a provision of Rs. 140 crores has been kept for utilisation under the project.

(b) and (c) World Bank in its implementation completion report of Phase I of National AIDS Control Programme (ending 1999), has categorised the project as highly satisfactory.

(d) The Phase II of the National AIDS Control Programme has been made more comprehensive with the following components;

(i) Targeted interventions for the communities with highest risk behaviour,

(ii) Prevention of HIV transmission among the general population;

(iii) Low cost care for people living with HIV/AIDS;

(iv) Strengthening institutional capacity, and

(iv) Intersectoral Collaboration.

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